

CHAPTER NO. 318

SENATE BILL NO. 204

By Fowler, Beavers, Black, Bryson, Burchett, Burks, Chism, Cohen, Cooper, Crowe, Crutchfield, Finney, Ford, Hagood, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Herron, Jackson, Ketron, Kilby, Kurita, Kyle, McLeary, McNally, Miller, Norris, Curtis S. Person, Jr., Ramsey, Southerland, Tracy, Williams, Mr. Speaker Wilder

Substituted for: House Bill No. 861

By Sharp, Bunch, Watson, McCormick, Curtiss, Pleasant, Favors, Mr. Speaker Naifeh, Harwell, Winningham, McKee, Roach, Overbey, Russell Johnson, Hawk, Stanley, Dunn, Godsey, Hargrove, McDonald, Mumpower, Cochran, Newton, Fowlkes, Fraley, Sontany, Fitzhugh, West, Bone, Ferguson, Cobb, Coleman, Hargett, Phillip Johnson, Davidson, Odom, Larry Turner, Brown, Pinion, Shepard, Maddox, Clem, DuBois, Shaw, Todd, Campfield, Eldridge, Sargent, Niceley, Gresham, Lynn, Matheny, Rowland, Davis, Maggart, Kelsey, Baird, Hill, Swafford, Hensley, Montgomery, Litz

AN ACT to designate a bridge on State Route 153 in Hamilton County as the "Bobby G. Wood Bridge".

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities and this state; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than our beloved colleague, Bobby G. Wood, who represented the 26th House District in Hamilton County with distinction for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, having served with great distinction in the 90th through the 103rd General Assemblies, Representative Wood has taken a much deserved retirement from his legislative duties; and

WHEREAS, as the senior member of the House Republican Caucus, his service to and concern for his constituents was indeed unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, during his long career in the House of Representatives, Bobby Wood served at one time or another on the House standing committees of State and Local Government; Commerce; Education; Transportation; Finance, Ways and Means; and Government Operations, as well as on the Fiscal Review Committee and a number of important subcommittees; his colleagues on both sides of the aisle accorded him high marks for his legislative acumen, skill in debate, and thorough knowledge of complex state and local government issues; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wood sponsored or supported such important legislation as the Home School Act, the Tennessee Public Television Act, the Tennessee Environmental Clean-Tennessee Act, and the Tennessee Uniform Discipline Code, a seven-bill package to combat school violence, to name a few; in 2000 he sponsored legislation to bring TennCare benefits in line with the state health care plan; and

WHEREAS, possessing a deep religious faith and a pristine sense of ethics and honor, he was recognized as the "Conscience of the House," and he founded the weekly Legislative Devotional, a revered institution on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and estimable legislative career, Representative Wood demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his constituents and his colleagues in the House of Representatives, as well as the members of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Wood is truly a man of the people, and his commitment to the health and prosperity of his fellow citizens is both stalwart and exemplary; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should commemorate the bountiful legislative career of Bobby G. Wood, a gentleman who continues to live a life of purpose and conviction; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge on State Route 153 that spans State Route 58 and State Route 17 at their junction in Hamilton County is hereby designated the "Representative Bobby G. Wood Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent legislator and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Representative Bobby G. Wood Bridge".


SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 25, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 7th day of June 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR